

REMARKS

The application has been amended and is believed to be in condition for allowance.

Applicants acknowledge with appreciation that the Official Action indicated that claims 3-8, 10-12 and 14-16 were directed to allowable subject matter.

Claim 1 has been amended to include the recitations of allowable claim 3. Claims 4 and 14 now depend from claim 1.

Claim 9 has been amended to include the recitations of prior claim 1 and allowable claim 10.

Allowable claims 11 and 15 have each been amended to include the recitations of prior claim 1.

As each independent claim comprises an allowable claim, allowance of all the claims is solicited.

In view of the above, applicants believe that the present application is in condition for allowance and an early indication of the same is respectfully requested.

Should there remain any outstanding issues, it is requested that the undersigned attorney be telephoned and afforded an opportunity to discuss any necessary amendment to place the case in condition for allowance.

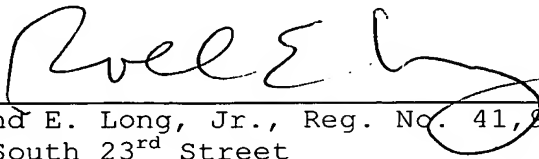
Please charge the fee of \$200 for the extra independent claim added herewith, to Deposit Account No. 25-0120.



The Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 25-0120 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17.

Respectfully submitted,

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